

Remarks

Claims 1-30 were pending. Claims 1, 8-10, 24, and 25 have been amended while claims 5-7, 11-13, and 16-23 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants assert that the amendments have been made to address the 101 and 112 rejections discussed below and further assert that there are no new issues requiring further search or consideration as a result of these amendments. Applicants respectfully request that these amendments be entered and considered after final and that a Notice of Allowability be provided.

Interview Summary

The undersigned participated in a telephone interview with the Examiner to discuss the section 101 and 112 rejections. The Examiner suggested that providing the real world result as well as making the descriptive language as active elements of the claims would likely resolve the 101 rejection. Also, the Examiner appeared to agree that removing the previously added language to the preamble would resolve the section 112 rejections.

101 Rejections

Claims 1-30 have been rejected under 35 USC 101 as failing to claim statutory subject matter. The rejection states that there is no concrete real world result and offers that the groups and data should be identified. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections to the extent they apply to the currently pending claims.

Independent claims 1, 8, 24, and 25 recite the identity of each of the groups. For example, claim 1 recites an engineering group, a technician manager group, a pit contractor group, and a technician group. Additionally, the nature of the data or information being input is now recited. For example, claim 1 recites "...place a first command into the web application to instruct the pit contractor group to open a pit...", "...respond that the first command has been completed by opening the pit into the web application...", "...place a second command to perform a cable task within the pits of the first command into the web application wherein the technician manager group has read access to all data fields in the database related to the second command..." and so

forth. Thus, the information, commands, data and the like have been tied to the real world activities of the stated groups. Applicants assert that there is a real world, tangible result of these claim recitations, namely the instructing of opening and closing pits, confirmation of the opening and closing of pits, instructing of cable tasks, and confirmation of the cable tasks being performed. Therefore, Applicants assert that claims 1-4, 8-10, 14-15, and 24-30 contain statutory subject matter and request that the present rejection be withdrawn.

112 Rejections

Claims 1-15 and 24-30 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite due to the objective of the preamble not being accomplished by the body of the claim. Applicants have amended the preamble to better correspond with the recitations of the body of the claims and therefore request that the present rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants assert that the application including claims 1-4, 8-10, 14-15, and 24-30 is now in condition for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration after final in view of the amendments and remarks above and further request that a Notice of Allowability be provided. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

Respectfully submitted,

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